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owners cannot afford the services of a highly trained forester. They themselves understand enough forestry to be able to manage their lands intelligently with the help of one or more forest guards or rangers. It appears to be the purpose of Recknagel and Bentley to assist in building up this type of owner in the United States. If this can be done the gain to the country will be incalculable.

The book gives briefly but clearly the essentials of the four branches of Forest Management, namely: (1) forest mensuration or the measurement of the tree crop including growth, (2) forest organization or regulation of the cut so as to secure regular periodic returns from the forest, (3) forest finance, a complex but important phase of the subject, and (4) forest administration or the organization and personnel of the force necessary to protect and control the forest.

It would be useless to pretend that such a subject as forest management can be readily understood and applied by the layman. It will require time and study, and often at the outset the assistance of expert advice. But this book will be of great assistance, and make possible to the forest owner an understanding of how to go about the matter, and of what returns he may expect on his outlay.

The book has still another field of usefulness. It is sufficiently detailed and accurate to be of much value to the professional forester as a convenient handbook of reference in which he may easily find certain formulae and tables which he could not possibly keep in his head. On the whole therefore the book is a valuable and welcome addition to forestry literature.

BARRINGTON MOORE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

NOVEMBER 11, 1919

The meeting was held at the American Museum of Natural History at 8.15 P.M., President Richards presiding. There were fifty persons present.

The usual business was dispensed with and Professor A. H. Cockayne, of the Agricultural Department of New Zealand, gave an illustrated lecture on "Botanical Features of the Flora of New Zealand." A general discussion followed the lecture, after which the meeting was adjourned.

B. O. DODGE,
Secretary

NEWS ITEMS

Dr. B. O. Dodge for the last nine years the Club's Secretary and Treasurer, has resigned his position from the department of botany at Columbia University and gone to the Bureau of Plant Industry at Washington. Dr. Francis W. Pennell of the New York Botanical Garden has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Club.

Dr. Carl Skottsberg the director of the new botanical garden at Göteborg, Sweden, who lectured before the Club in the autumn of 1918, *en route* from Chili to Göteborg, writes that, like our own, the winter just past was of exceptional severity. The garden is to have special geographical sections of which that devoted to Eastern Asia will be planted in 1920 and the North American section in 1921.

Dr. Roland M. Harper has recently completed some studies on the resources of southern Alabama, including considerable work on the vegetation. He has gone to central Florida, where he will carry on similar work, which was started in 1915. His address will be Geological Department, Tallahassee, Florida.